

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment submits the changes identified above, and is responsive in any manner indicated below.

PENDING CLAIMS

Claims 24-43 were filed with the application on 3 December 2003. The additional claims presented herein also are claims in which Applicant is presently interested. At entry of this paper, Claims 24-46 will be pending for consideration and examination in the application.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

It is respectfully submitted that any and all claim amendments and/or cancellations submitted within this paper and throughout prosecution of the present application are without prejudice or disclaimer. That is, any above statements, or any present amendment or cancellation of claims (all made without prejudice or disclaimer), should not be taken as an indication or admission that any objection/rejection was valid, or as a disclaimer of any scope or subject matter. Applicant respectfully reserves all rights to file subsequent related application(s) (including reissue applications) directed to any/all previously claimed limitations/features which have been subsequently amended or cancelled, or to any/all limitations/features not yet claimed, *i.e.*, Applicant continues (indefinitely) to maintain no intention or desire to dedicate or surrender any limitations/features of subject matter of the present application to the public.

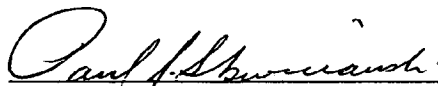
EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the local DC area number 703-312-6600, to discuss an Examiner's Amendment or other suggested action for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

CONCLUSION

This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is filed within three (3) months of the original filing date of this continuation application, and thus no Petition or extension fee is possible or required. Submitted herewith is a Form PTO-2038 authorizing payment of the requisite claims fee for the additional claims presented herein. Please charge any actual shortage in fees due to ATS&K Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (as Order No. 501.36105CC2).

Respectfully submitted,



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Form PTO-2038 (Fee Codes 1201/1202)